From: Thompson, Michael DPI **Sent:** Friday, July 06, 2012 8:54 AM

Subject: ESEA Accountability Waiver Updates

Importance: High

Dear District Administrators:

This morning, the U.S. Department of Education approved Wisconsin's ESEA Accountability Waiver proposal. Additional information is available on the Department of Public Instruction newsroom website at

http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpinr2012_79.pdf.

A copy of Wisconsin's Waiver is posted at http://dpi.wi.gov/esea/pdf/wisconsin_esea_waiver_7-3-12.pdf

Next Steps

We will release a packet of accountability-related resources next week for your review before a public press release of a sample school report card the following week. These resources include sample report cards, an interpretive guide, a technical manual, and talking points for administrators. We look forward to working with districts over the summer and into the fall to build understanding of the new accountability system, and to help connect that system to other major efforts.

Michael J. Thompson, PhD Deputy State Superintendent Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction